

8100 PROCEDURE 820

Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAG)

(No.32 February 2014)

[\(See Policy 8562 - Fire Management Assistance Grant Program\)](#)

[\(See Fire Management Assistance Grant Initial Request Form - EMA F-158\)](#)

The Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) Program is a function of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act that is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Requests for assistance under this program must be submitted to FEMA through each states Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR). The GAR for California is the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

The Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) – Initial Request EMA Form F-158 should be submitted for wildland fires, in either SRA or LRA, per the Evaluation Criteria outlined in Policy 8562. To receive approval the request **must** be submitted while the fire is burning uncontrolled and threatens such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. Units and incident commanders must consider submission of a request early into an incident so that time lags will not cause the actual FEMA review to occur after the threat has passed.

Responsibilities and Action

Unit ECC

1. Notify Unit Duty Chief when:

- a) Incident Commander requests FMAG initiation, or;
- b) A fire is threatening structures and may meet the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAG) "Declaration Criteria."
 - i. Declaration Criteria:
 - 1) Threat to lives and improved property, including threats to critical facilities/infrastructure, and watershed areas;
 - 2) Lack of availability of state and local firefighting resources (Severe Drawdown);
 - 3) High fire danger conditions, as indicated by nationally accepted indices, exist and present current and predicted erratic fire behavior (substantiated by RAWs data or weather predictions);
 - 4) Potential major economic impact.

Unit Duty Chief

1. Make positive contact with Region Duty Chief when the FMAG application package is being developed.
2. Ensure FMAG application has been completed and submitted to:
 - a. California State Warning Center (OES)
 - b. Region OCC
 - c. SAC CC
3. Advise Region Duty Chief when the FMAG application has been submitted to California State Warning Center.
4. Advise the Region Duty Chief of FMAG approval or denial.

Region Duty Chief

1. Receive notification of submittal from Unit Duty Chief.
2. Make notifications per the Region Duty Chief Notification Check List.

Sacramento Duty Chief

1. Receive notification of submittal from Region Duty Chief.
2. Make notifications per the Sac Duty Chief Notification Check List.

Note: If Cal OES needs additional information or clarification that it cannot get directly from the Unit Duty Chief a conference call may be warranted.

3. Receive notification of FMAG approval or denial.
4. Make notifications per the Sac Duty Chief Notification Check List.

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